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1. EMBOFF SAW SRV LIAISON OFFICER DO THANH AT 1930 MARCH 2 TO CONVEY THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSES IN REF A. DO THANH REMARKED THAT THE US EFFORT TO MEET HANOI'S REQUEST (REF B) FOR MEETING AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL BY RETURNING TO THE "LEVEL" OF THE NOVEMBER 12 MEETING WOULD PROBABLY BE CONSIDERED AN EFFORT TO MEET HANOI "PART WAY." EMBOFF EMPHASIZED THAT BOTH SIDES HAD THE SAME BASIC GOAL WHICH WAS TO ENHANCE THE PROSPECTS FOR FRUITFUL WORK BY THE COMMISSION IN HANOI AND STRESSED US GOOD WILL AND SERIOUS INTENT. DO THANH SAID HE WOULD REPORT OUR LATEST VIEWS TO HANOI IMMEDIATELY, AND SINCE IT WAS THEN 0200 THERE, HE HOPED THAT HANOI'S NEXT RESPONSE WOULD DEAL WITH HIS LAST TWO MESSAGES.

2. EMBOFF PASSED THE LIST OF STAFF MEMBERS AND THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF CREW. DO THANH SAID THIS INFORMATION WOULD HELP HANOI PREPARE LOGISTICALLY TO
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RECEIVE THE COMMISSION.

3. DO THANH SAID THAT FROM EMBOFF REMARKS IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS AND THE CURRICULUM VITAE OF ROSENTHAL PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED, HE HAD, HE THOUGHT, ADEQUATELY INFORMED HANOI ABOUT ROSENTHAL'S FUNCTION.

4. DO THANH NOTED THAT OUR LIST OF STAFF MEMBERS DID NOT INCLUDE AN INTERPRETER. HE THOUGHT HANOI WOULD WISH TO KNOW WHAT OUR PLANS WERE IN THIS RESPECT AND WE SHOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER AT LEAST AT THE MARCH 8 MEETING.

5. COMMENT: DURING THIS MEETING DO THANH SEEMED INTERESTED IN SMOOTHING OVER THE "DIFFERENCE" BETWEEN OUR TWO POSITIONS CONCERNING THE NATURE OF THE PARIS PREPARATORY MEETING AND NOTED SPECIFICALLY FORTHCOMING RESPONSES AS EVIDENCE OF GOOD WILL.
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